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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL: INQUIRY OF FREDERIC R. HARRIS, INC.

FOR MERRICK

1. JEROME M. FISCHER OF FREDERIC R. HARRIS, INC. CONSULT-
ING ENGINEERS, 300 E. 42ND STREET, NEW YORK CITY, INFORMED
NEA NOVEMBER 21 HE HAS COMMUNICATED WITH COMMATT MERRICK TO
REQUEST URGENT ADVICE ON LIST OF FIRMS PROPOSED BY SUEZ
CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA) FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES
(COVERING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TARIFFS,
ETC.) UNDER PENDING IBRD LOAN TO SCA FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE
COSTS OF "SUEZ CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT" TO OPERATE
AND MAINTAIN CANAL WITH PRECLOSURE CAPABILITY.

2. CONSULTANCY CONTRACT ALSO TO INCLUDE ENGINEERING/
ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY OF LONG-TERM CANAL DEVELOPMENT.
ANTICIPATE ACTION BY IBRD BOARD ON LOAN (INCLUDING CONSUL-
TANCY) DURING FIRST WEEK DECEMBER.

3. UNDERSTAND FROM FISCHER YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE
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SOONEST LIST OF SCA PROPOSED CONSULTANTS WHICH WE WILL

PASS TO FISCHER. (FYI: IF FREDERIC HARRIS INC NOT LISTED,
FISCHER PLANS TO VISIT CAIRO EARLY NEXT WEEK). REQUEST
URGENT REPLY BE FLAGGED FOR STATE NEA/RA - MONTGOMERY. INGERSOLL

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